

Riverwalk Parking, Access and Transportation (TDM) Plan Final Plan Comments : Entry # 371

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Having commuted once on the Amtrak, I have to say that was an awesome little trip. I think your plan should include an Amtrak Station near The Willamette Falls Legacy site so that people could access the Falls area from as far away as Portland, California, Seattle or even farther afield.

As far as Trimet, with some work to improve turning radii, Railroad Ave could make an excellently located one-way transit mall with pull-up parking areas just south of the elevator.

I know I am much more likely to use transit if I think using it means less walking than driving and parking does. And then the elevator would become more central to transit use. Imagine what a transit hub downtown OC could be with Amtrak, Trimet and maybe protected bike lanes spoking out in every direction: Willamette Falls Drive, 43, 99east, and up on the bluff. There could even be protected bike parking on the bluff so bikers could just step onto the elevator to get down.

I'm all for best practices, but we should strive for even more—to break new ground and lead the way into the twenty-first century.

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I appreciate the various angles and considerations present in the final plan. I would like to draw attention to the murals and signs that encourage visitors to interpret the cultural and historical significance of the space and affirm that sentiment. In examining the historical and cultural, please attempt to reach out to any intact Native American groups from the region to either provide a narrative or to offered the ability to amend and edit proposed narratives. Oregon State University and Portland State University both offer a Baccalaureate Minor in Native American Studies and would be good places to start the inquiry for where active members of the community could be located. Thank you!

I want to stay involved-please send me updates as this plan is implemented.

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It might be an idea to elevate the remote parking (16) and shuttle (20) concepts from mid-term to near-term, because there is property owned by the Urban Renewal Commission near the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center that could be used for shuttle purposes. This is the Clackamas Landscape Supply site on Washington Street. The parcel was originally purchased in the 1990s specifically to provide parking for the End of the Trail Interpretive Center. The landscape supply business was originally supposed to be only a short-term tenant. It would be a great synergy to have the increased tourism generated by the Willamette Falls Legacy Project boost attendance at the EOTIC. Furthermore, if people parked up on Washington Street to visit Willamette Falls, the shuttle taking tourists from the EOTIC area down to the Falls would provide a flow of potential customers along Main Street, to support the local businesses on Main Street.